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reduce their numbers; meanwhile the people were in dire want of even the most necessary garments. Trade was stagnant, at first for reasons of geographic position, later because of government interdictions. At last came the Russians from Alaska with otter skins, imploring food, and after them the American ships asking otter skins, hides, tallow, and bringing merchandise; thus a three-cornered trade sprang up, clandestinely on the part of the Californians, but not the less vigorous and important. Americans began to stream in over the California and Oregon trail, the Santa Fé trail, and by sea, and began effective encroachments. A great deal of so-called Spanish occupation was mere pretension; the inherited pretensions of Mexico in the Southwest, once disclosed, were exploded; war with Mexico brought an inevitable result. In 1849 the people adopted an American constitution and the old life rapidly declined. ISAIAH BOWMAN.

Wheat-Growing in Canada, the United States and the Argentine, Including Comparisons with Other Areas. By W. P. Rutter. x and 315 pp. Maps, charts, bibliography, index. Adam and Charles Black, London. 1911. 3s. 6d. 8 x 5½.

This book contains a thorough study of the problem of wheat growing, not only as an agricultural feature, but also in its bearing on the commerce of the world. A bird's-eye view of the distribution of wheat fields in North and South America is first given. The soil, climate and various essentials of scientific farming, affecting the yield and quality of wheat, are clearly set forth. Following are chapters on the cultivation and harvesting of wheat, yield and cost of production, transportation, storage, marketing and price. The discussion of the transportation problem, which is often weak in many books, is especially commendable. The author believes that the United States is destined to depend more and more upon other countries for its supply. An adequate bibliography of wheat is included.

R. M. BROWN.

The New Garden of Canada. By Pack-Horse and Canoe through Undeveloped New British Columbia. By F. A. Talbot. xii and 308 pp. Ills., map,* index. Cassell & Co., Ltd., London. 1911. \$2.50. 8 x 5½.

A description of Mr. Talbot's journey through 1,200 miles of almost unknown country in which the Grand Trunk Pacific is now building its line, the second transcontinental railroad route of Canada. Mr. Talbot tells of his eventful journey, and gives his conclusions as to the economic and scenic value of that newly opening region. He has condensed these impressions in his paper published in the *Bulletin* for March (pp. 167-183).

Aus Mexiko. Von Orla Holm. Mit wirtschaftlichen und politischen Beiträgen von Ralph Zürn. viii and 244 p. F. Fontane & Co, Berlin. 1908. Mk. 3.50. 9 x 6.

The book is written for the use of the tourist rather than the scholar, not as a regular guide-book, however, but as an instructor about everything which the educated traveler ought to know of the country he is visiting: geography, history, religion, population, natural products, commerce and industry, finances, traffic, art, social conditions, immigration, foreign relations (especially to Germany and America). As the author is German himself, special credit must be given him for the unprejudiced frankness with which he acknowledges what

* Listed under "British Columbia-Alberta" on p. 399.